

and he believed also unwaveringly in the majesty and goodness, the fitness and worthiness of that which the future was to bring forth.

Many find this state of mind inseparable from a mood of seriousness, if not of asceticism ; Robert Frazer did not. No one realized more fully the serious side of life, but he had also learned (if it was not taught him by instinct) the phariseeism of gloom as an emblem of respect for truth. If ever man served his God with the grateful incense of smiles and joyfulness it was the subject of this sketch.

This interest in the affairs of the world around him led him naturally to cultivate various branches of science, as an amateur, and he preserved the keenest interest in them to his last hour, though his engrossing occupations forbade him to tread the path of original investigation.

Microscopy and Entomology always had great attractions for him, and for several years previous to 1867 he was President of the Entomological Society of this city.

He was elected a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences in 1866, and when his duties allowed was frequently seen within its halls on its nights of meeting.

In 1873, he was elected a member of this Society.

Of his inner life as a member of a family ; of his charm within that circle, shut out from the gaze of the world, I may not speak. But were it permitted to pursue this theme a far juster picture of the man could be presented than in these few poor lines in tribute to his memory. Yet those who knew him in the world can easily imagine how bitter was the loss of this friend, who ever dispensed consolation and cheer, to those whom he most dearly loved, and to whom his whole life was a pattern of self-sacrifice, of manly and healthy virtue, and of the warmest human sympathy.

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*Stated Meeting, April 18, 1879.*

Present, 19 members.

Vice-President, Mr. FRALEY, in the chair.

A letter declining the appointment to prepare an obituary notice of Dr. Wood, was received from Dr. Stillé, whose communication was on motion referred to the Committee on the eulogy.

A letter accepting the appointment to prepare an obituary notice of Dr. Beadle, was received from Dr. Agnew, dated April 17.

A letter requesting permission to use the Logan-Penn

MSS. in the Hall of the Historical Society, was received from the President of that Society, Mr. J. W. Wallace.

On motion, the Librarian was authorized to entrust, 1. the Wm. Penn's Letters and Ancient Documents; 2. Logan Papers, Vol. 3; 3. Logan Papers, 399-3, to the care of the Committee of the Historical Society, on written receipt for the same and obligation to return without unnecessary delay.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Yale College Library (Trans. XIV, XV), and the Rev. Stephen D. Peet, Unionville, Ohio (Proc. Vols. VIII to XVII complete).

Letters of envoy were received from the Imp. Bot. Garden, St. Petersburg, March 4, 1879, and from Prof. Ira Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University, April 10, with the first number of the American Chemical Journal, asking for exchanges.

On motion, Dr. Remsen's name, as Editor, was ordered to be placed on the List of Correspondents to receive the Proceedings henceforth.

Donations for the Library were received from the Botanical Garden, St. Petersburg; the Russian Geographical Society; Prussian Academy; Zoologischer Anzeiger; Flora Batava; Belgian Academy; Society of Geography, Paris; R. Astronomical Society; Nature; Boston Soc. Nat. History; Brooklyn Entomological Society; Am. Jour. of Otology; Astor Library; N. Y. Chemical and Historical Societies; Franklin Institute; Jour. of Pharmacy; Medical News; Jour. Med. Sciences; Am. Chemical Journal; State Mineralogist of Nevada; and Sig. V. Reyes, Mexico.

The death of Dr. Isaac Hays, at Philadelphia, one of the oldest members and former secretaries of the Society, April 15, aged 83 years, was announced by Mr. Fraley.

On motion, Dr. Brinton was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased.

Pending nominations 872, 874 to 882 were read, Nos. 872, 874 to 877 were spoken to and balloted for.

The Chairman of the Committee on a Premium for an

Anthracite Dirt Burning Process, Dr. R. E. Rogers, reported progress. (See Minute book.)

There being no other business, after scrutiny of the ballot boxes, by the presiding officer, the following persons were declared duly elected members of this Society :

William H. Greene, M.D., of Philadelphia.

Mr. Arthur Erwin Brown, of Philadelphia, Superintendent of the Zoological Garden.

Carl Seiler, M.D., of Philadelphia.

Dr. Middleton Goldsmith, of Rutland, Vt.

Mr. Richard Wood, of Philadelphia.

And the meeting was adjourned.

*Stated Meeting, May 2, 1879.*

Present, 13 members.

Vice-President, Mr. FRALEY, in the chair.

Letters accepting membership were received from Dr. Carl Seiler, dated Philadelphia, April 22, 1879; Dr. Wm. H. Greene, dated Philadelphia, 1812 Green St., April 21; Mr. Arthur E. Brown, Zool. Soc., Fairmount Park, April 21, and Dr. M. Goldsmith, dated Rutland, Vt., April 22,

A photograph of Mr. Edward Goodfellow, was received for insertion in the Album.

A letter accepting the appointment to prepare an obituary notice of the late Dr. Isaac Hays was received from Dr. Brinton.

A letter enclosing a communication to be read at the meeting was received from Prof. Daniel Kirkwood, of Bloomington, Monroe Co., Indiana, dated April 19, 1879.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Kentucky Historical Society (Proc. No. 102); Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences (102); Kansas State Historical Society